



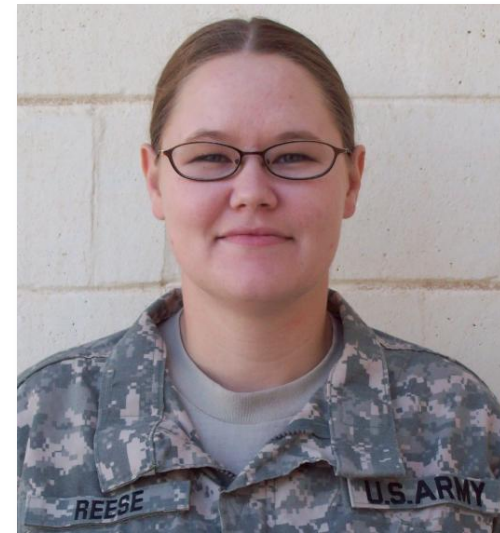
Task Force Marne Hero of the North



NAME: SGT JENNA REESE

UNIT: 724th Transportation Co

HOMETOWN: NICHOLASVILLE, KY



SGT Jenna Reese performed admirably as a Human Resources (HR) Sergeant for the 724th Transportation Company. She volunteered to serve as the NR NCOIC for the unit for several weeks before the actual NCOIC arrived in theater. She provided accurate and timely finance, medical, and other administrative support for over 150 Soldiers during the transitional period. Currently, she submits daily required rosters to battalion, tracks Soldiers' shot records and handles Leaves and Passes for the Company – all duties outside of her Food Specialist MOS. Her dedication to excellence and commitment to the unit's Soldiers assisted in making a seamless transition for the HR NCOIC into the section. To recognize her selfless service to her unit and its Soldiers, she is selected as today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: PFC MATHEW ZUMBRUN

Unit: A TRP, 6-1 CAV

Hometown: BALTIMORE, MD

Date of Event: 19 DEC 09



PFC Zumbrun is a Cavalry Scout assigned to Apache Troop, 6-1 Cavalry, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division. While conducting a dismounted patrol, PFC Zumbrun noticed subtle differences in the terrain from the last time his Platoon conducted a mission in the area. He couldn't pinpoint what the specific differences were, but he knew something had changed. During his previous patrol, PFC Zumbrun had taken pictures of the terrain and compared the pictures with what he was seeing. He identified an area that was altered in an attempt to conceal it from observation. After a search, PFC Zumbrun's Platoon discovered a cache of almost 2000 feet of IED command wire and that gasoline had been poured on the roadway in order to soften it in preparation for a future IED emplacement. PFC Zumbrun's actions, attention to detail, and trust in his instincts effectively denied enemy attempts to inflict casualties on U.S. or Iraqi forces and make him a most deserving Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: SPC STEPHEN OVERMYER

Unit: 2nd Platoon, A Troop, 3-7 CAV

Hometown: MAGALIA, CA

Date of Event: 1 December 2009



SPC Overmyer exemplified the Army values through his adept actions conducted in the wake of an RKG-3 attack executed against his vehicle during a patrol on 1 December. After his driver suffered significant injuries from the grenade's penetrator, SPC Overmyer crawled down from his gunner's position to administer first aid and direct the driver, SPC Hicks, out of the kill zone. Furthermore, SPC Overmyer forwarded an accurate spot report to his chain of command. Once the vehicle stopped at an Iraqi Army checkpoint, SPC Overmyer assisted in stabilizing the casualty and assumed duties as the driver. Overmyer then drove SPC Hicks to the Combat Surgical Hospital at FOB Diamondback. His quick reactions ensured rapid, limb-saving treatment of his comrade.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Rank/Name: SPC MICHAEL DAVENPORT

Unit: 1/D/1-64 AR, 2nd HBCT

Hometown: POULTNEY, FL

Date: 14 DEC 09



SPC Davenport's platoon was redirected to search for a weapons cache based on emerging intelligence. SPC Davenport's attention to detail, dedication to the mission and desire to affect the enemy decision making process made him a vital asset during the search. His motivation during the day was vital in keeping his search team working over a 20 hour period. During this time, SPC Davenport uncovered more ordnance and searched more diligently than any other member of the platoon. His efforts resulted in the prevention of 60 pounds of HME, 1 initiation device, 1 IRL, 2 rockets and 1 155mm round from being employed in the Rogue AO. SPC Davenport worked hand in hand with and made great contributions to our relationship with the Iraqi Army by integrating 2/5/2 IA into his team, directing their search. For his outstanding efforts he is today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: SPC MONICA MITCHELL

Unit: HHOC, DSTB, 3rd ID

Hometown: SAN ANTONIO, TX



SPC Mitchell plays a crucial role as a Geospatial Intelligence Analyst for the Task Force Marne Intelligence Section. She conducted daily imagery analysis of a prioritized standing target deck and compiled weekly reports addressing critical intelligence topics, like the recent Government of Iraq operation to Camp New Iraq. Additionally, SPC Mitchell competed in and won the company Soldier of the Month board for December 2009. SPC Mitchell consistently demonstrates analytic tradecraft capability at a level normally seen exclusively in more senior analysts. SPC Mitchell's drive to excel makes her a critical member of the TF Marne Geospatial Intelligence Cell and a most deserving choice for today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: SGT SHAWN R. FISCHER

Unit: B Co, TF ODIN

Hometown: ALLENTOWN, PA

Date of Event: DEC 24, 2009



SGT Fischer is a hard charging Aerial Sensor Operator with an unrelenting desire to contribute to the mission. He is always seeking ways to improve internal tactics, techniques, and procedures in order to better support ground operations. SGT Fisher has participated in countless missions that have directly contributed to the interdiction of over 40 known persons of interest. The Task Force ODIN Commander recently selected him to brief General Casey, the Chief of Staff of the United States Army, during his recent visit because of his experience, proficiency, and professionalism. SGT Fisher's character and unyielding performance standards make him most deserving of the title of today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: SPC ANDREW CARLILE

Unit: B/1-23IN, 3-2 SBCT

Hometown: MERIDIAN, MI

Date of Event: 17 Nov 09



SPC Carlile is a Line Medic for 2nd Platoon, Black Hawk Company, 1-23 IN. He instructed medical classes for Iraqi Army's 2-19 Battalion Headquarters. He showed the Iraqi soldiers several techniques for immediate first aid, including how to use and make improvised tourniquets, check for responsiveness, and basic casualty assessment. SPC Carlile increased the Iraqis' understanding of basic first aid and gave them hope to be able to treat their own casualties on the field of battle. To end the class SPC Carlisle administered a hands on lane to ensure the Iraqis understood and retained what he taught. His attention to detail and dedication to the mission makes him stand out above his peers and will save Iraq Army soldiers' lives. For the care and due diligence he put in to conduct his training, he is selected as today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: SPC JONATHAN KELLEY

Unit: 4-1 BSTB

Hometown: PRYOR, OK

Date of Event: DEC 29, 2009



SPC Kelley demonstrated outstanding technical expertise while serving as the Dagger STT's only generator mechanic. He singlehandedly ensured the Dagger LSA had the power necessary for successful operations in support of the 4th Iraqi Army Division. SPC Kelley is responsible for the FOB's power supply, including a generator that supplies 45% of the 4IA's power. He committed over 1000 hours ensuring the upkeep, maintenance, and procurement of repair parts for the LSA's two generators. SPC Kelley's ingenuity has prevented sustained power outages. He once used a paper clip to secure a hose in lieu of a back-ordered hose clamp—the paper clip is still holding today. SPC Kelley's dedication to duty and can do attitude have earned him recognition as the battalion's hero of the week and make him an obvious choice for today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: SGT JOSEPH JEFFERY

Unit: FSC, 1st EN BN

Hometown: DES MOINES, IA

Date of Event: 23 Dec 2009



SGT Jeffery serves as the Company Re-enlistment NCO for the Forward Support Company. He went above and beyond his duties as a 92F (Petroleum Distribution Specialist) by establishing the Company's reenlistment program, incorporating unit level incentives for the Soldiers. Within a week of being appointed as the re-enlistment NCO, SGT Jeffery re-enlisted three Soldiers on COB Speicher. SGT Jeffery also serves the Forward Support Company as the rear gun-truck commander for the FSC's Combat Logistics Patrols. SGT Jeffery has participated in all 10 patrols that Distribution Platoon has been on since TOA. Regardless of the amount of time he has to prepare, he always ensures his vehicle crew has all required equipment and PPE and their equipment is ready for the mission. His experience, expertise, and positive attitude towards any situation is what makes him today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



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Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: PFC ALBERT CHAPA

Unit: HHC, 1-37 AR

Hometown: San Antonio, TX



Private First Class Chapa is attached to Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 1-37 Armor. He consistently displays infectious enthusiasm, leadership skills, and high personal standards that far exceed his rank. PFC Chapa is the lead gunner in an element of four MRAPs that conduct combat patrols through area of operations Bandit. He diligently secures his own sector while continually updating both his fellow gunners and the leadership in the patrol of potential dangers the patrol may encounter. His ability to communicate with the entire element while leading from the front and his meticulous attention to detail are shining examples of his exceptional leadership abilities. His actions epitomize the best Soldier attributes of motivation, commitment, and loyalty, and make him a clear choice as today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Rank/Name: SGT DANIEL TEMPLETON

Unit: B TROOP, 3-7 CAVALRY

Hometown: LINTON, IN

Date: 8 JAN 2010



SGT Templeton is a Bradley Cavalry Fighting Vehicle gunner whose scout abilities were tested on January 7, 2010 during Operation Rogue Sentinel. While on an observation post observing a main supply route for several hours, SGT Templeton spotted four individuals moving through his assigned sector on foot. His accurate spot report prompted the platoon leader to maneuver and destroy the dismounted IED cell. SGT Templeton has exhibited flawless Cavalry skills throughout the deployment and is a key member on the troop's numerous project oversight patrols. SGT Templeton's professionalism and effective field craft are a credit to Bonecrusher Troop, 3-7 Cavalry, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team and make him a natural choice for today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: EOD1 DEWAYNE CHEATHAM

Unit: EODMU12 / PLT 12-3-2

Hometown: GREENVILLE, AL



Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician First Class Dewayne Cheatham has performed superbly as Leading Petty Officer and Team Leader for Task Force Troy-North's PB Love EOD team. Since his team's arrival to Salah ad Din province three months ago, he has led his team in the elimination of 850 captured ordnance items, greatly contributing to the security of the citizens of Samarra. He has executed over 20 QRF / EOD responses as team leader, eliminating the deadly threat of live IEDs and recovering components to support future exploitation. His team's expert execution of IED responses in Samara has led to evidence collected to support warrant packages and ultimately enforce Iraqi Rule of Law. His steadfast devotion to duty and unrelenting perseverance reflect highly upon himself, making Petty Officer Cheatham the embodiment of the highest standards of the United States Navy and highly deserving of the honor of being today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: PFC NICHOLAS PTASZEK

Unit: C Co./1-28 IN

Hometown: EDGEWATER, FL



PFC Ptaszek is a forward observer in Combat Company, 1-28 IN. He is a vital part of each Scout mission, ensuring day and night observation is available for the Scout platoon and the TOC. PFC Ptaszek coordinates and executes all phases of mission coverage for UAV operations. He expertly coordinates restricted operating zones required for Raven UAV flight operations and diligently maintains the unit's Raven fleet. His commitment and dedication to mission success reflect a maturity and focus normally found only in Soldiers at significantly higher ranks. PFC Ptaszek's complete dedication and focus on mission accomplishment make him both Combat Company's and today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: SSG TAHNI WILDER
Unit: HHC, 130th ENGINEER BRIGADE
Hometown: APPLE VALLEY, CA
Date of Event: JANUARY 6, 2010



SSG Wilder is an Engineer Equipment NCO working as the First Squad Leader for the CST Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 130th Engineer Brigade. SSG Wilder has distinguished herself by her detailed and all encompassing mission planning, keen understanding of counterinsurgency tactics, and thorough security during mounted and dismounted patrols. She volunteers her extra time to mentor Soldiers within the platoon for upcoming Soldier and promotion boards and exhibits the “BE, KNOW, DO” characteristics of an NCO, setting the example for all Soldiers and NCOs to follow. SSG Wilder performs her duties as the assistant convoy commander and patrol leader for all of the brigade commander’s vehicular movements with poise and confidence. SSG Wilder’s dedication to the mission and team exemplifies the Army Values of Duty, Loyalty, Respect, and Honor and have earned her the honor of being selected as today’s Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: SPC JOSEPH FEARON

Unit: D TROOP, 2-6 CAVALRY

Hometown: PHILADELPHIA, PA



SPC Fearon is an OH-58 Helicopter Repairer and the squadron petroleum, oil, lubricants (POL) products manager. Soon after assuming responsibilities as the POL manager, he established control measures for ordering, issuing, and storing necessary POL, chemicals, and other hazardous materials used to conduct aviation maintenance. While establishing control measures, he identified over two tons of expired or unusable hazardous materials and POL products. He quickly developed a plan of action, briefed his supervisors and disposed of all unnecessary products. He conducted the necessary coordination with Hazardous Waste Disposal and turned in the products through the proper channels. SPC Fearon's professionalism and attention to detail not only saved several thousand dollars but also prevented aircraft damage. His dedication to the Squadron's mission is unmatched and has earned him the title of today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: CPL VLADIMYR MATHURIN

Unit: HHC/1-23 IN, 3-2 SBCT

Hometown: PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI

Date of Event: 02 Jan, 2010



CPL Mathurin is the HHC supply sergeant, a senior Staff Sergeant's position. He was the non-commissioned officer in charge of turning in over 946 pieces of temporary property equipment (TPE) and was recognized by the unit's property book officer for his meticulous, error free, preparation of turn in packets. Capitalizing on his success, he serves as the principal trainer on equipment turn in operations for the remainder of the brigade's supply sergeants. CPL Mathurin also managed the removal of over 157 containers full of excess equipment and was selected as HHC's December 2009 NCO of the Month. CPL Mathurin sets the standard in everything he does and is a key contributor in the battalion's responsible drawdown efforts. It is in recognition of these accomplishments that he is selected as today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: SPC JONATHAN HUGHES
Unit: HHC, 130th ENGINEER BRIGADE
Hometown: SEATTLE, WA



SPC Hughes recently transitioned from the day shift to the night shift and competently handles his night shift duties with no supervision. He performs an extensive amount of intelligence research from multiple sources, effectively fusing the data into a useable product. SPC Hughes excels at molding threat reporting into an outstanding and highly accurate picture of the battlefield. His attention to detail and analytical skills excel for a Soldier of his rank and experience and have increased the situational awareness of the Brigade Staff and adjacent units throughout the USD-North Area of Operations. SPC Hughes also analyzes SIGACT reporting to create special products displaying threats to the various projects the brigade oversees. His professionalism and dedication to duty make him a most deserving Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: SPC STEPHAN STOTHERS

Unit: B/1-23 IN, 3-2 SBCT

Hometown: OXFORD, MI

Date of Event: JAN 14, 2010



SPC Stothers is a Mortar Gunner who performed admirably during a recent training event in support of the 2/19 Iraqi Army. SPC Stothers instructed the Iraqi soldiers in numerous mortar gunnery drills, including placing the mortar in and out of action and direct laying the mortar. By the end of the training event the 2/19 soldiers were emplacing and recovering their 60mm mortar and spotting their poles for direct lay without assistance or guidance. SPC Stothers showed extensive knowledge and motivation while training the IA on mortar operations and has shown time and time again that he is a valuable asset to his mortar section. His professionalism, competence and can do attitude make him an easy choice for today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: SPC DEVIN COLON
Unit: FSC, 1st EN BN
Hometown: MILLS, WY



SPC Colon is a Construction Equipment Repairer for the Forward Support Company. She goes above and beyond her daily duties by stepping up to be a driver in the Combat Logistic Patrol (CLP). In just over a month, SPC Colon has driven on 14 missions, totaling over 2800 kilometers. She also trained Iraqis on the safe operation and maintenance of construction equipment and other new vehicles in the Iraqi rolling fleet at four separate Iraqi bases. SPC Colon provides daily maintenance expertise for the CLP vehicles, helping to ensure that the patrol's fleet is maintained and properly serviced to accomplish its mission. Her experience, expertise, attention to detail, and positive attitude towards any situation is what makes her a vital asset to accomplishing the company mission. These qualities, and her outstanding commitment to mission success, make her a clear choice for today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: SPC MICHAEL ANDRADE
Unit: F/701st BSB/FSC FOR 2-16 IN
Hometown: JACKSONVILLE, NC



SPC Michael Andrade's work ethic and job knowledge make him a vital asset to his platoon. SPC Andrade is completely focused on mission accomplishment, often times performing tasks that exceed his level of responsibility. SPC Andrade took the initiative to learn skills outside of his assigned MOS, and motivates his peers to do so as well. Serving as the M2 50 CAL gunner for his vehicle, SPC Andrade is a critical member of every mission and always ensures that his weapon system and truck are in top condition at all times. When not on or preparing for a mission, SPC Andrade maintains a high fitness level, and scored 299 out of a possible 300 points on a recent Army Physical Fitness Test. SPC Andrade's dedication has enabled his platoon to successfully close out and hand over a Joint Security Station to the Iraqi National Police, and take the necessary steps to do the same for another. For his commitment to excellence, SPC Andrade is selected as today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: SPC MARY COLLINS

Unit: C Co., TASK FORCE 296

Hometown: SAN ANTONIO, TX



SPC Collins serves in the Support Medical Company as a medic on the battalion personal security detail. She supported over 40 mounted patrols in direct support of the Task Force and 3-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team. She was awarded an Army Achievement Medal for her support in the Special Operations Task Force- North's Medical Civilian Military Operations. SPC Collins participates in everyday section operations such as combat logistics patrols, running the MWR phone and internet cafe, range support, 24 hour on call evacuation teams, and routinely assists with sick call in the medical clinic. SPC Collins also earned the title of the battalion's Soldier of the Month in November and December, 2009. She went on to place third in the battalion's Soldier of the Quarter board. Her determination to excel and her selfless service make her a clear choice for today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: CPL JOEL SANCHEZ

Unit: C Co., TF DIAMOND HEAD, 25th CAB

Hometown: VISALIA, CALIFORNIA

Date of Event: 7 Jan 2010



CPL Sanchez serves as a Non-Rated Crew Member (NRCM) Flight Instructor for Task Force Diamond Head (2-25 Aviation Battalion). His proven ability to train new UH-60 Crew Chiefs and Door Gunners has directly impacted the overall success of TF Diamond Head, TF Wings, and TF Marne. His technical confidence, tactical experience, and thorough instruction methods have led to the progression of five Crew Chiefs and two Door Gunners to readiness level one, increasing combat power within TF Marne. He also continues to train and assess Crew Chiefs to ensure combat readiness is maintained. CPL Sanchez's dedication and commitment to excellence sets him apart from his peers and makes him an obvious choice as today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: PFC MIGUEL URIBE

Unit: HHC, 2-16 IN

Hometown: BROWNSVILLE, TX

Date of Event: JAN 15, 2010



PFC Uribe distinguished himself as the HHC, 2-16 IN supply sergeant. He assumed duties of supply sergeant following the medical evacuation of his first line supervisor, and rose to the challenge with the determination and diligence to support whatever challenges arose. His knowledge, dedication, and enthusiasm on matters related to property accountability, supply transactions, and maintenance enabled his company to effectively support the battalion mission. Although relatively new to the Army, PFC Uribe met the challenge and clearly demonstrated the expertise necessary to support the largest and most complex company in the battalion. He worked tirelessly to ensure the battalion's relief in place with 2-27 IN was successful. PFC Uribe's commitment to the mission and his company are in keeping with the best traditions of the United States Army and Soldiers deployed worldwide and make him a most deserving Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Name: SPC DERRICK WALLS

Unit: A Co., 106 BSB

Hometown: JACKSON, MS

Date of Event: JAN 16, 2010



SPC Walls an outstanding gunner for Convoy Escort Team 1, Alpha Company, 106th Brigade Support Battalion. On a recent convoy escort mission, SPC Walls spotted an Improvised Explosive Device due to his attention to detail and level of alertness. The IED was confirmed and reduced by EOD. SPC Walls' keen mission focus and determination to excel in all aspects of his job prevented any damage to equipment or injury to his fellow Soldiers. SPC Walls is also a model soldier inside the wire. He has superior knowledge of Army warrior tasks and other basic Soldier skills and readily shares them with his peers. In order to recognize these accomplishments, he is recognized as today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



Rank/Name: CPL JORDAN HUNTER
Unit: B Troop, 3-7 CAV
Hometown: LIBERTY, IN
Date: JAN 7, 2010



CPL Hunter is a Cavalry Scout and HMMWV gunner. He recently demonstrated his superior Cavalry Scout skills during Operation Rogue Sentinel. On January 7, 2010, CPL Hunter positively identified four insurgents walking along a main supply route while he was providing continuous observation of two targeted areas of interest. His positive identification of four IED cell members ended in their destruction and disrupted an IED emplacement that could have caused U.S. or Iraqi Security Forces casualties. CPL Hunter has performed flawlessly during all previous missions and was an outstanding asset for his platoon during two other operations and the unit's relief in place upon arrival. CPL Hunter is a credit to Bonecrusher Troop, 3-7 Cavalry, 2nd HBCT, the 3rd Infantry Division and the United States Army and is selected as today's Task Force Marne Hero of the North.